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HIGHWAY HAZARD AT STEEL BRIDGE TO BE RELIEVED

Plans to realign both approaches to the dangerous Niles Canyon highway underpass at the Southern Pacific bridge a mile east of Niles were revealed this week. A Division of Highways crew is now making a survey of the project, for which approximately \$50,000 has been allocated by the state for expenditure in 1949.

On the northern approach, the roadway will be moved in as closely as possible to the hillside, while on the southern approach it will be moved nearer to Alameda Creek. This will partially correct the present hazard of the blind "S" curve by extending drivers' visibility through the underpass.

The work will result only in improvement and not full correction of the problem, since rebuilding and widening of the underpass and relocation of the highway to eliminate the curve entirely would be necessary to correct the hazard. This would cost \$150,000 or more, which the Division of Highways considers an impossible expenditure at this time.

The Division's decision to improve the situation at the underpass follows repeated efforts of the Niles Chamber of Commerce and The Register to persuade state authorities of the danger to traffic.

RITES HELD FOR ALVARADO WOMAN

Funeral services were said Tuesday for Mrs. Frances Gomes of Alvarado, who died December 23.

Rites were held from the Chapel of the Palms mortuary in Centerville at 8 a.m., followed by a 9:30 mass at St. Anne's Church in Alvarado. Interment was at Holy Ghost Cemetery, Centerville.

A native of Fayal, the Azores, she had resided in Alvarado for 50 years. She was the wife of the late Joseph Gomes.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Gomes of Alvarado and Mrs. Mamie Roderick of Alviso; two grandchildren, Joseph Rose of Alviso, and Mrs. Celestine Wright, of Hayward; and Joseph Roderick and Francis Rodriguez of Alviso; one great-grandchild, Joella Rose of Alvarado. In addition she is survived by three sisters in the Azores Islands.

She was a member of Centerville S.P.R.S.I.

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

TO ONE AND ALL



WALTER CONNOLLY'S
APPLIANCES AND
HOME FURNISHINGS
IRVINGTON
Across from School
Phone Irvington 80-W

TWO BADLY HURT IN TRUCK-TRAIN SMASHUP TUESDAY

Two Irvington residents were taken to Community Service Hospital, San Jose, in "serious" condition Tuesday afternoon, after the truck in which they had been riding crashed with a Southern Pacific locomotive at the S.P. tracks and Irvington-Mission San Jose highway in Irvington.

They are Edward Jones, 59, who underwent surgery for severe chest injuries yesterday, and his wife, 62, whose condition is also described as serious.

They were injured when a 1947 Chevrolet truck, driven by Henry E. Lauberge, dairyman, of 214 Driscoll Road, Irvington, was hit and smashed by a locomotive towing a second engine to West Oakland railroad yards at 1:50 Tuesday afternoon.

The truck was pushed 15 yards, and turned on its side in a ditch by the force of the impact. The front end was badly smashed in the mishap.

Engineer and fireman of the engine, William J. Price and Otis G. Smith, both of Oakland, came through the accident unscathed. Lauberge was taken to San Jose for treatment, but later died. Lauberge and Smith gave conflicting reports to sheriff's deputies.

Victims were taken to San Jose as to circumstances of the accident, by the Dallas Paul ambulance service of Centerville.

IRVINGTON C. OF C. CANCELS MEETING

Because of conflicting New Year's activities, the Irvington Chamber of Commerce will not hold its regular Tuesday noon meeting next week.

That was the decision reached by chamber members at last Tuesday's meeting, at which time a motion that an audit of club books be presented for approval at the next meeting, January 11, was made and approved.

In other matters, the Chamber heard reports on Irvington Christmas party events, and ordered thanks given Irvington merchants and residents for contributions to the party fund and other acts of participation.

MAN DIES IN YULE WEEK-END ACCIDENT

Washington Township was the scene of one traffic fatality over the Christmas holidays, when an Oakley man met his death as his car plunged over a 100-foot embankment on the Escobar grade near Mission San Jose.

Dead is John A. Alameda, 71, of Oakley. He apparently lost control of his car Sunday afternoon, then smashed down the embankment.

A passenger in the car, Amos L. Bowmer, 39, also of Oakley, was uninjured in the mishap. Both men were returning from a visit with Palo Alto relatives.

DRUIDS OBSERVE ALAMEDA NIGHT

Approximately 100 members of the Grove and Circle, Centerville Druids, were in attendance Monday when "Tony Alameda Night" ceremonies were observed.

M. J. Bernardo, life-long friend of Tony, acted as toastmaster during the meeting, which was followed by a banquet with roast ham as the main entree.

"Tony started from scratch," Bernardo stated during the evening, "signed up to become a member of the Centerville Grove some 30 odd years ago, and since that time has been an outstanding leader in the Grove. In private and public life Tony has been outstanding; a man of character and ability, always extending a helping hand to those who are less fortunate than he."

Other members who eulogized Alameda were Judge E. A. Quarles, Alain Walton, Joseph R. Nunes, Manuel Oliveira, Grand First Bard of the Circle Della Puccio, Leland Martin, Jim and Josie Parodi, Louis Cardozo, Henry Gomes, Leila Santos, Elsie Mardraga, Joe Martin, and Joe Silva.

Mae Rogers and Caroline Brown, comediennes of the Circle, performed a skit for the meeting.

LEGION DANCE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Washington Township Post, American Legion, is sponsoring a New Year's Eve dance to be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles. The affair is being arranged by Art Gomes and Jack Pool.

Music will be furnished by the Four G's band. It is open to the public.

SPORTSMEN GROUP SELECTS FRANK MARTIN NEW PREXY

Headed by newly elected president Frank Martin, a full new slate of officers for the Newark Sportsmen's Club formally will be installed January 29, at a dinner and barbecue to be held at the Newark Youth Center.

Candidates were elected at last Tuesday night's club meeting held at the Youth Center.

Serving with Martin will be Lloyd Hayes, vice-president; Joe Machado, recording secretary; Chris Mikkelsen, financial secretary; Bert Overeen, sergeant-at-arms; Manuel Amaral, social chairman; and Sid Gaunt, field chairman.

Martin will replace Gaunt as club prexy, while Gaunt succeeds Martin as field chairman. Other officers, with the exception of Hayes, who will replace Art Kleine as vice-president, were re-elected to respective posts in balloting.

The dinner and installation will be under the direction of Machado and Amaral, who will take charge of all arrangements. Tentative plans call for an outdoors steak barbecue, similar to the installation party held last year.

All club members and wives are invited to the affair. The dinner, slated to start at 7:30, will be followed immediately by installation rites.

Officers serve one year terms. Club members heard reports on two events held recently, an annual club Christmas turkey shoot, and a dance, which showed both affairs have netted the club a financial profit.

A film, "Elk for the Future," was ordered secured for showing before the Newark school children and all interested parties sometime next spring.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TO GIVE NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The Youth Fellowship of the Niles Congregational Church is giving a New Year's Eve party for all young people in the community who care to attend. The affair will be held in the recreation building of the church, with chaperones in attendance.

The dance, free of charge to those who attend, will be climaxed in the serving of refreshments which may be purchased at a nominal fee.

1948 Was Eventful Year in Township

When Father Time gives way to Cherub 1949 this Saturday night the horns and sirens ushering in the New Year in Washington Township will perhaps bear more significance, if not more noise, than similar noisemakers elsewhere. The accent certainly will be on the future—expansion, progress and improvement. The great strides made here during the year just passed are only a sample of the progress that lies ahead, if present signs are correctly read. But let's review the past year. Let's take a look at the news events, of personalities who have affected, in one way or another, the history of Washington Township in the year 1948.

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JANUARY

Increase in telephone service rates for the entire township were announced that month by William B. Sutherland, manager of the Hayward Office. Effective January 1, the new rates averaged between 50 and 75 cents increase in each of the eight telephone exchanges in Washington Township.

Six Township residents who received private pilot licenses following completion of flight training at Center Field, Centerville, according to Don Hubbard, director of G.I. training at the field, were Harry Cesari, Sal Perez and Al Perry of Niles, James Caldwell and Rice Camplain of Irvington, and Bob Ussery of Newark.

Clarence E. Black, 19, sailor stationed at Moffat Field, was arraigned before Judge Allen G. Norris, December 31, on a charge of murder, and at a later preliminary hearing was certified to superior court for prosecution on the count. Black was charged with the Christmas Day slaying of a sailor companion, Jake Lee Banks, 22, during a wild melee in an Irvington

tavern. The pair and a third companion, William Dwyer, 20, who was being held as a material witness to the affair, were said to have started a scuffle with several civilians after being ordered from the premises. Banks was fatally stabbed by a knife allegedly wielded by Black during the battle. All three were AWOL from their base at the time.

A series of six lectures designed for parents of Washington Township started January 12 at Washington Union High School under joint sponsorship of the Washington Evening School and Township P.T.A. organizations.

A new \$450,000 highway bridge over Alameda Creek in Niles Canyon was opened to traffic January 16.

Kenneth Garcia was elected president of the Decoto Chamber of Commerce, succeeding P. J. Faletti. Also elected were Don Martin, vice-president; Bernie Joseph, secretary; Pete Deconto, treasurer; and Howard Bradbury, Alfred Ferreira and Frank Borge, directors.

Plans were launched for construction of a new \$500,000 parochial school at St. Mary's of the Palms, near Mission San Jose.

Petitions calling for the formation of a Hospital district for Washington Township were prepared for circulation here, according to Ed E. Enos, chairman of the Washington Township Hospital Planning Committee.

As a result of increase in receipts during 1947, Irvington and Mission San Jose post offices were raised from third to second class rating, while Decoto fell back from second to third class.

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LIGHT COT CROP IS FORECASTED

Forecasts for a light apricot crop next year were told the Berryessa Prune and Apricot Association this week, by Everett Cottle, field representative for the group.

Dry weather, he explained, has retarded appearance of double buds, although single buds are plentiful. He expressed doubt over how many buds will mature this year.

He added that likelihood for a good dried apricot market is high, since stocks of all but standard dried apricots have been sold.

The meeting was held Tuesday night at Washington Union High School.

MORE FEED AVAILABLE DURING COMING YEAR

For the first time in five years, supplies of grain, mill feeds and high protein feeds not only are sufficient to maintain present livestock and poultry numbers at current rates, but they will allow for moderate increases in animal food production.

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REGISTER GAINS NATIONAL PROMINENCE

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IRVINGTON ALSO COMES INTO LIMELIGHT

The Township Register gained national prominence this week in an editorial in the magazine section of The Christian Science Monitor, a daily paper of world-wide circulation printed in Boston.

"This is not the kind of news that will make the nation's front pages. It is, however, significant. It shows a neighborly interest. Multiplied by a million, what an amount of good it would do. When a man writes that 'all of us like to be friends in need,' he takes the prosaic things of every day into a higher realm. He has done a service to the nation in showing that the people of his community live for others, not merely vividly but splendidly. This makes Christ man an epic moment . . ."

Though the Monitor editor probably didn't realize it, this also made "Christmas and epic moment" for The Register editor, who has wanted, above all things, to do just what the Monitor editor credits him with doing, viz: "showing that the people of his community live for others."

This would seem to refute the long-heard cry of "papers never print anything but scandal, gossip, or scare headlines."

OREGON FLOOD

FINAL THING IN CONQUERING WELL

ARMONIA COASTERS

OLYMPICS

NEWS

from Walt

Presentation of this ad at our store will entitle you to a free ticket on the Crosley station wagon to be given away here next spring.

**Niles
Furniture
Company**

NILES: Phone 4463

601 Main Street



Talk of the Township

By JIM RITCH

A note of nostalgia was struck this Yuletide season, when a certain Southern Alameda County weekly newspaper blossomed forth last week with umpteen pages of "bona fide" Christmas greeting ads, which bore an astonishing resemblance to the 1947 cluster of best wishes.

That resemblance is perhaps clearest in ads in which (a) The Hidden Valley Dude Ranch wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, 1947; (b) Irvington Theater brings best wishes, signed Eddie Simmons, who hasn't operated the showhouse for a long time; and (c) Niles Justice of the Peace, E. A. Quaresma, who has held office for nearly two years, is demoted to "A. Quaresma, Township Judge-Elect."

Another contrast is made by the assertion of several township mer-

chants that ads ordered one, two, or even three years ago, suddenly and mysteriously have reappeared this joyous Noel season.

Just as big Oaks from little acorns grow, so apparently do a certain paper's Christmas ads, from the files of yesteryear.

UNWELCOME "GUESTS" have come in Tony Alameda's front lawn over the Christmas holidays, leaving fresh deep tire tracks as a calling card . . . but slammed their car into reverse and made a getaway before Tony could catch them.

SAME THING happened to Irvington's traffic sign in front of Pond's Drug Store, when a motorist failed to negotiate the curve, and completely wrecked the sign, snapping it off at ground level . . . but don't despair—if you get lost, and need directions, the sign is laying on the Union Street sidewalk, to the side of R. J. Wright's office. Might be pretty hard to figure out which arrow points along which road if you're a stranger, though.

ONE ROSE BOWL canceled turns up in Frank Mayer, who's not had too much trouble in disposing of his four ducats.

Arlington National Cemetery contains 408 acres.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 105683

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, NORMAN ROSE and PATRICIA A. ROSE, Executor and Executrix, respectively, of the Will of JAMES ROSE, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said decedent to, within six months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, or present them, with the necessary vouchers, to me, at the office of NORRIS & BROUN, 114 North Main Street, Centerville, California, which place the undersigned select as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

Dated: December 27, 1948.
NORMAN ROSE
PATRICIA A. ROSE
Executor and Executrix of the Will of James Rose, deceased.

NORRIS & BROUN
Attorneys for Executors
114 North Main Street,
Centerville, California.

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1948 WAS EVENTFUL YEAR

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Jack MacGregor, principal of the Newark School, was installed president of the Washington Township Men's Club, succeeding Harry Weber.

The Irvington Merchants lost a tight 1 to 0 contest to the Bayard All-Stars, in a play-off game for Southern Alameda County Baseball League championship.

Newark Elementary School was allocated \$101,856 by the state of California, under impoverished school district laws.

Dr. T. C. Wilson was named first president of the newly formed Center Field Pilots Association.

The Centerville post office moved into new quarters in a building erected by Allan Walton, Centerville druggist.

R. A. Jolly of Newark was named general chairman of the 1948 Red Cross Drive in Washington Township.

FEBRUARY

Bob Rose, 19, son of Mrs. Bertha Rose of Irvington, signed a baseball contract for the coming year, with the Cleveland Indians. He was signed to play shortstop with one of the Indian farm teams.

Sid Gaunt was installed president of the Newark Sportsmen's Club at ceremonies held at the Newark Youth Center.

A voluntary "brown-out" for Washington Township residents was urged by officials of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to conserve electric power and dwindling water resources.

Conversion in the near future from magneto system to dial phones in Alvarado was announced by William B. Sutherland.

Work to control the flow of water in Alameda Creek was undertaken by the Alameda County Water District.

The Niles Chamber of Commerce gave support to a plan of the Niles Fire District to purchase a strip of land for the Niles Fire House from the Southern Pacific Company.

Notification that \$45,000 state aid was forthcoming was received by the Centerville Elementary School Board.

Announcement that petitions bearing signatures of more than

700 township residents favoring establishment of a Township Hospital District have been submitted to county authorities, was made by Edward E. Enos.

MARCH

R. J. Wright of Irvington was reelected chairman of the Alameda County Planning Commission at a re-organization meeting held in the County Court House in Oakland.

Joseph Telles, veteran roadmaster at Mission San Jose, was appointed district maintenance superintendent of the Alameda County corporation yard at Niles, succeeding the late Joseph D. Gomes.

Washington Union High School's 1948 baseball aggregation opened its season by downing Jefferson High School, 4-2, on the latter's diamond.

Township industries were cutting down on work hours to comply with a 20 per cent power cut ordered by the P. G. & E. to conserve water resources.

Allan Walton was installed president of the Centerville Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Charles Wauhab.

The Irvington Improvement Club became the Irvington Chamber of Commerce, the name change being approved by club members.

Details for contemplated expansion of the Newark business district were revealed by A. G. Stoll, San Francisco sales agent, who said 30 business buildings were slated to be built.

Contract to erect a new bridge replacing the Harding Bridge across Alameda Creek was let by the County Board of Supervisors, at a bid price of \$135,885.

APRIL

Rev. Donald Kirkbride was ordained as minister of the Niles Congregational Church at ceremonies conducted by Dr. Harley H. Gill, superintendent of Northern California Congregational Conference.

Warren Gravestock was elected president of the Niles Rotary Club, succeeding R. A. Jolly of Newark.

Students at Washington Union High School staged their annual Boxing Carnival.

Eleanor Olson, seventh grade student at Niles Elementary School, spelled down 24 students from nine township schools to win the second annual Township Register spelling contest.

Judge Ezra Decoto, 73, county superior judge and member of a pioneer township family for whom Decoto was named, died in Oakland.

Mabel Rogers of Alvarado was selected president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Alvarado Eagles, Aerie No. 1695.

A crowd of more than 1500 persons was on hand to view the Second Annual Spring Round-up staged by the Washington Chapter, Future Farmers of America, in Memorial Stadium at the high school.

Four persons, two men and two women, perished in the crash of their light plane in the hills between Mission San Jose and Warm Springs. The quartet lost their lives when their plane failed to clear Monument peak and crashed about 200 feet from the crest.

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Let's get
better acquainted!



HAPPY
NEW YEAR

City of Florence
Restaurant

PHONE NILES 4682

CANYON HEIGHTS
By MARGARET COLE

WED IN TEXAS

Congratulations to Pfc. Gaylor Miller, son of the E. A. Millers of Canyon Heights Drive. Gaylor and Cleo Hallford of Niles were married in Texas on December 23.

Cleo has been visiting her sister in Texas and will return to Niles in about three months. Best wishes from all the neighbors, kids!

The E. A. Millers had as house guests last week Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Rhoads and family of Waterford, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Boley and Mrs. Willard Pennington and family of Millbrae, Mr. and Mrs. Scott from Centerville. Mrs. Scott is Mrs. Miller's sister.

MORE SURPRISES

Imagine having a birthday three days after Christmas! Little Susie Beckway celebrated her fourth on December 28 with the help of Susie McKiernan, Joanne Chrysler, Joan and Diane Briggs of Irvington, Gale Short of Irvington, Tommy Cole, Kenny Springer, Buddy Lee Lampley and Susie's little brother, Eddie Beckway.

FROM DENVER

Mrs. C. V. Sickler of Denver, Colorado, arrived a week or so ago to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, the Ben Carvers of Canyon Heights Drive.

CHRISTMAS-ING

The T. G. Marshalls, Tommy Jr. and Doug Marshall celebrated Christmas with the clan at the home of Mr. Marshall's sister, Mrs. Marion Vanier.

AT HAYWARD

The Sid Westrays and family had Christmas dinner with Verba's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dames of Hayward.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

The O. B. Stangers report a very satisfactory holiday, having had as house guests, daughter Joyce, daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gengler of Richmond. On Sunday the party was joined by Dovel White and Waine Johns.

BUSY DAYS

The Clifford Whites have had a busy time. On Friday they and Mrs. White's father, who is visiting from Oklahoma, drove to Modesto to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bower, their cousins. On Christmas Day they entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ray Teague and family and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Howard. On Sunday they were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrun Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howard and family of Oxnard, Calif., and the Charles Bowers of Modesto.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST—NILES

A branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Regular services are held as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 A.M.

MORNING SERVICE 11 A.M.

Wednesday Evening Testimony Meetings 8 o'clock. Reading Room is open Tuesday and Saturday afternoons, 1 to 3, and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9. Church edifice is at Second and E Streets.

**550 BOYS ENTER
SCOUTING IN YEAR**

More than 550 boys joined Scout units in the South District of the Oakland Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, during 1948, according to Don MacDougal, district executive.

Total boy membership in the district is now 1394, with over 500 registered adult leaders, MacDougal added.

The figures show that 443 Cub Scouts, 286 Boy Scouts and 37 Senior Scouts were recruited during the year. Thirteen organizations in the district, including the Washington Township Post, American Legion, adopted scouting as their youth program during this period.

The Southern District includes Southern Alameda County and is serviced by MacDougal and Senior

**SUGAR BEET MEN
REALIZE \$496,000**

California again led the nation in production of beet sugar this year and produced 29 per cent of the total U. S. output, the California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service said this week.

The state production was from 173,000 acres, 2100 of which were in Alameda County.

California production was 2,768,000 tons, the county contributing 49,600 tons and returns to growers in the county approximated \$496,000.

For more than half a century Red Bluff was the head of navigation on the Sacramento River.

Field Executive Frank Buck, who has charge of organization, extension, and training.

Use Register Want Ads!



May your
every wish be
granted this
coming year.

WALTON DRUG CO.

Phone 8-8453

Centerville

ALL ABOARD FOR THE
New Year

We want our wish of
Good Luck to travel with
you through the months of...
A HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

NEW CITY MARKET
Manuel Duarte
Niles

PROTECTION WHEN
YOU NEED IT...THAT'S
A BANK OF AMERICA
SAVINGS ACCOUNT

In fair or stormy weather,
a savings account is the
world's best confidence-
builder. If you're not
already a regular savings
depositor, drop in today
at your neighborhood
Bank of America, and
let's get better acquainted!

**Bank of
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NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
California's Statewide Bank

HAPPY
NEW YEAR!

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM



A YEAR
CHOCK FULL OF
THE BEST OF EVERY-
THING IS OUR
NEW YEAR WISH
FOR YOU.

SHANK'S UNION OIL STATION

Niles

Season's
Greetings

1949
Good Health! Good Cheer!
JOE ADAMS
"Your Ford Dealer for Washington Township"
Centerville

1949
a HAPPY
New Year!

As the New Year is about
to unfold, we greet old
friends and new with the
wish that 1949 may prove a
bountiful and happy year.

NILES ELECTRIC CO.
Niles

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REPORT REVEALS 730,500 PERSONS LIVE IN COUNTY

Population of Alameda County for January, 1949, is estimated to be 730,500, up 1 per cent over the 720,500 population estimated to be in the county a year ago, and up 42 per cent over the 513,011 people which the U. S. census found to be in the county in April, 1940, California Taxpayers' Association reported this week. The county ranks second in population in the state.

Population of the county in January, 1941, was estimated by the Taxpayers' Association to be 523,-

500, going to 610,000 by January, 1943. For January, 1945, it was estimated at 712,400; for January, 1947, 710,000.

The county is one of the four in the state with more than half a million population. Population of Los Angeles County is estimated at 3,951,500; Alameda, 730,500; San Francisco, 718,500; and San Diego, 562,000.

Population of the entire state at January 1, 1949, is estimated to be 10,264,400, up 3 per cent from the revised estimate of 9,974,-350 for January, 1948, and up 49 per cent from the 6,907,387 population according to the 1940 U. S. census.

Canada produced just over three million ounces of gold in 1947.



This Eventful Year

CHRONOLOGY of the YEAR 1948

FLOODS Disasters

January

12—Dominican DC-3 airplane crash between Santiago and Barahona, kills 31 persons, including entire San-Haro baseball team.

28—Thirty-two persons killed, including 28 Mexicans, when DC-3 explodes near Coaling, Cal.

29—Army transport ship, Joseph V. Connolly, partly destroyed by fire, sinks while being towed to New York.

30—Air Marshall Arthur Connington, 52, and 31 others killed in plane crash.

February

22—Two truckloads of explosives are blown up, devastating a three-block business section in Jerusalem.

27—Nineteen persons aboard an Indian National Airways plane en route from New Delhi to London killed in crash.

March

12—Thirty persons killed when Northwest Airlines DC-4 crashes on Mt. Sanford, Atlanta, en route from Shanghai to Calcutta to Guandong.

18—Ten A. F. flyers killed when a B-29 crashes at MacDill field, near Tampa.

19—At least 42 persons killed and more than 300 injured in a series of tornadoes which struck nine states from Texas to central New York.

April

13—More than 3,000 families are evacuated when Ohio river overflows.

15—Thirty persons (19 Americans) killed when PAW plane crashes in Erie.

20—Copper mine explosion near Agua Caliente, Peru, kills 41 miners.

May

3—Tornadoes kill at least 23 persons in Mississippi.

10—Floated Columbia river claims 23 lives, causes great damage in Oregon, Washington, Idaho. Devastates Vanport City, Ore.

July

1—Series of earthquakes destroy about 70 per cent of the Japanese industrial city of Fukuk (population 85,000) and surrounding towns of Honshu.

2—Transport plane used by the Mexican Air Force to carry a congressional commission crashes on Mt. Orizaba.

16—A 449-mile killed when Swedish DC-6 airliner (32 aboard) collides with R.A.F. York transport (7 aboard) near London.

27—Thirteen coal miners killed in explosion in Princeton, Ind.

August

12—Thirteen men killed when B-29 crashes after takeoff near Roswell, N. M. A. Navy weather reconnaissance plane with 12 aboard crashes and burns same day on Rota Island, 50 miles north of Guam.

20—Seventeen U. S. air force men killed in B-29 crash at Rapid City, S. D.

September

6—Labor Day holiday deaths from accidents in the U. S. over three-day period, 400.

14—Forty U. S. soldiers killed and 60 injured in troop train wreck in Korea.

17—Floods in Japan leave 541 dead and 600 missing.

October

5—Hurricane causes 11 deaths and 10 million dollars damage in Cuba, then does great damage in Miami.

6—A B-29 bomber, struck by lightning, explodes over Waycross, Ga. Nine killed.

30—Twenty persons died and hundreds of others became ill, reportedly as a result of smoke (blasts of smoke and fog) which blanketed Donora, Pa.

November

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25—Thanksgiving Day accidents take toll of 114 lives, compared with 128 in 1947.

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31—Idlewild airport—4,900 acres—dedicated in New York.

August

6—First around the world flight by B-29's is completed when two of the bombers land at Davis-Monthan base, near Tucson, Ariz.

8—Soviet Russia estimates U. S. population at 143,414,000, as of July 1, 1947, 8.9 per cent higher than the 1940 census.

17—Portland, Ore., devastated by flood May 30, is sold for salvage for \$178,591. Original cost, 26 million.

September

11—Missouri version of 1948 chosen in Atlantic City; Electric Vesta Shop, 18, Hopkins, Minn.

13—Rep. Margaret Chase (R., Me.) elected to U. S. senate by a record majority.

October

5—UMW announces beginning of a program to guarantee all 400,000 members free medical and hospital service.

13—Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., first U. S. hero of World War II, is buried in his home town, Madison, Fla.

14—U. S. Judge Luther M. Swygert of Indianapolis holds the A.F.L. International Union in contempt.

November

4—Profs. Auguste Piccard and Max Cosyns abandoned plans to descend dives after one-and-one-half-mile descent when their gondola was damaged off the Cape Verde Islands.

6—White House was closed indefinitely to sole engagement and sightseers until extensive repairs to the manor could be completed.

12—Trial of 12 top U. S. Communist leaders postponed for a month because of illness of William Z. Foster, Communist party chairman.

23—U. S. air force ends efforts to make rain by seeding clouds with dry ice after nine months of experiments prove ineffectiveness of procedure.

December

7—Secretary of State George Marshall undergoes appendectomy.

13—Astronomers at Mt. Wilson observatory announced discovery of a new minor planet traveling a route within 140 million miles of Earth.

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U. C. MEN DEVELOP LUNG CANCER TEST

A reliable and simple test for lung cancer, by microscopic examination of sputum samples, has been developed by a group of University of California Medical School physicians.

Drs. Seymour M. Farber, Mortimer A. Benioff, and A. K. McGrath have reported that when an adequate number of sputum samples—five or six—are available 90 per cent of lung cancer cases can be diagnosed.

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February

3—National Airlines' 145 pilots strike before midnight over dismissal of pilot two years ago.
4—Defense secretary Forrestal consolidates military air force transport systems into military air transport service.

23—Sen. George H. Taylor (D., Ida.) quits Senate to become Henry Wallace's running mate.

24—Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers goes on trial on charges of suborning perjury in Senate.

March

1—House un-American activities committee, under Edward U. Condon, director of the national bureau of standards, of being "one of the weakest links in our atomic security system."

16—EPA declares it has cleared 1,005,944 federal employees in loyalty program.

23—Gerhart Eisler sentenced to one to nine years imprisonment in Washington for passport fraud.

April

2—Both houses of congress override tax reduction parts omnibus foreign aid bill and adjourn for week.

10—House speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr. intervenes in the 27-day strike of 400,000 coal miners and soon afterwards an important agreement is announced.

20—John L. Lewis is fined \$20,000 and UNWU \$40,000 for contempt of federal court order.

30—Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg succeeds Gen. Carl A. Spaatz as air force chief.

May

2—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower retires from the army.

3—President Truman celebrates his 64th birthday.

10—Three railroad brotherhoods call off threatened nation-wide strike after President Truman orders army to seize roads.

19—House passes Mundt-Nixon Communist-control bill, 319-58.

21—N. Y. Gov. Dewey wins Oregon presidential primary over Harold E. Stassen.

June

2—Senate votes to admit 200,000 European displaced persons to the U. S. during next two years.

4—House appropriates \$5,990,710,228 for foreign aid.

10—Senate passes two-year peacekeeping draft bill.

21—Twenty-fourth Republican convention meets in Philadelphia. Gov. Dewey of New York nominated for the presidency on fourth day, with Gov. Earl Warren, of California, as his running mate.

24—President Truman signs second peacetime selective service bill.

July

5—Gen. Eisenhower reiterates he will not run for the presidency.

8—Soft coal prices rise 46 cents a ton.

15—President Harry S. Truman, 64, and Sen. Alben W. Barkley, 70, Kennerly, are nominated for president and vice-president by the Democratic national convention in Philadelphia.

22—The Wallace campaign, which has officially names itself the Progressive Party, and nominates Henry Agard Wallace and Glenn H. Taylor of Idaho as its candidates for president and vice-president.

26—Congress convenes in a special session to meet President Truman.

30—Elizabeth Bentley, confessed wartime Communist spy, makes startling disclosures before a Senate expenditures subcommittee.

August

2—President Truman appoints three-man displaced persons commission to administrate the DP act, under which 200,000 persons are to be admitted to the U. S.

7—Senate adjourns its two-week extra session.

19—U. S. demands ouster of Jacob Lomakin, Soviet consul general in New York.

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The Democrats also swept back into control of both houses of congress and won 20 of 52 governorships.

4—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R., N. J.) invoked his constitutional right and refused to testify before the federal grand jury on charges that he had padded his congressional office payroll to the tune of \$100,000.

7—President Truman arrives in Key West, Fla., for a two-week post-election vacation.

12—First major blizzard of season sweeps through north central states, killing 13 persons.

25—Striking Longshoremen on both coasts return to work as shipping strike ends.

December

3—Microfilm copies of secret state, war and navy department documents found in hollow pencils on Maryland train are introduced as evidence in house un-American activities committee's spy investigation.

10—Whittaker Chambers, confessed former Communist courier and key figure in Communist espionage probe, resigned his position as a senior editor of *Time* magazine.

14—GOP Sen. Arthur Vandenberg is mentioned as possible successor to ailing George C. Marshall as secretary of state.

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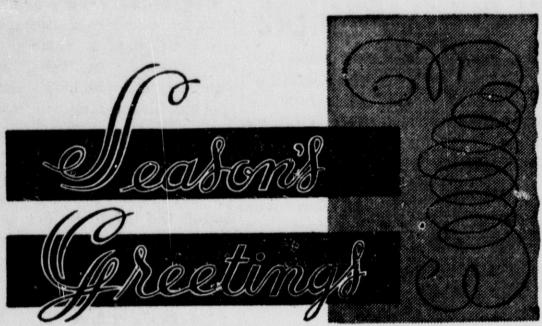
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Edward L. Rose of Irvington was elected president of the newly chartered Lady of Fatima Council No. 5, Y.M.I., at Mission San Jose.

MAY

The Festival in honor of the Holy Ghost was held at the Holy Ghost Church in Centerville.

Bonds totaling \$160,000 to cover laying of sewers in the Mission San Jose area were sold by the Irvington Sanitary District.

Washington Union High School Huskies annexed the SCVAL Baseball Pennant, finishing their season with no defeats. Irving Alameda handled mound chores for the Huskies during the game, climaxing four years of high school pitching during which he had never been credited with a loss.

A San Jose test pilot was killed when his converted P-51 fighter plane exploded in mid-air between Newark and Centerville in full view of scores of township residents, then crashed in a field midway between the two towns.

Irving Alameda, pitcher, and Vernon Machado, short-stop, will play in the annual all-star North-South Games in San Jose. They were selected on the all SCVAL baseball nine.

The 1948 Washington Township Softball season opened at the Washington High School diamond, with a capacity crowd on hand.

Nancy Bishop, Washington High School senior, was installed Worthy Advisor of Pleasanton Assembly, No. 58, Rainbow Girls.

Resignations of three township elementary school principals were received by their respective school boards. Resignations were received from E. B. Hodges of the Mission San Jose School; Mrs. Elsie Madruga, Alviso, and James Nunes of Warm Springs.

JUNE

Establishment of a Washington Township Hospital District was ordered in balloting that month, with 2,588 votes cast for the proposition and 633 against.

A total of 215 students were graduated from nine township elementary schools.

At night ceremonies conducted in the Memorial Stadium on campus, 125 students of Washington Union High School were graduated.

The Holly Sugar plant near Alvarado closed briefly because of a shortage of sugar beets.

County authorities announced that because of legal requirements, the Washington Township Hospital District will be ineligible for tax monies until after July 1, 1949.

Mrs. Louis Cardoza was installed as president of the De Guadalupe Institute, Y.L.I.

A Los Angeles pilot received minor cuts and bruises when his light airplane crashed and burned on the Warm Springs Airport.

JULY

Gravel excavations at the Pacific Coast Aggregates pits near Niles were concluded that month, marking the end of a 38-year-long operation. The company began digging again the next week, however, at a new location near Centerville. Quayle Collinson, local superintendent, said that new equipment and methods will permit greater production than ever before.

Mission Firemen and Pacific States Steel softball teams clinched pennants in the American and National Leagues in Washington Township Softball Association play.

Agricultural Extension officials estimated up to 50 per cent of the local tomato crop has been affected by a mysterious tomato blight in the area. The blight is a root disease.

Fred Doering, 55, superintendent of the James Graham Manufacturing Co. in Newark, became the township's only traffic fatality over the 4th of July holiday week-end, when his car crashed near the Dumbarton Bridge.

A. E. Alameda was reelected president of the Washington Union High School Board of Trustees at a board reorganization meeting. S. G. Scott was elected clerk.

Annual Holy Ghost Festival ceremonies were held in Newark. Work began on a 40-room addition to the Masonic Home near Decoto. Work cost was set at \$525,000.

William Furtado Jr. of Centerville; J. Lagorio, Centerville; J. Galleagos, Mission San Jose; James Nunes, Centerville, and August Davilla won first place awards in agricultural competition at the Alameda County Fair.

Approximately 50 acres on the Ed Vargas Ranch near Mission San Jose burned in the township's first major grass fire of the summer.

Services were held for Private First Class Lupe M. Garcia, 27, Decoto, who was killed in action during World War II.

Legal status was granted the Washington Township Hospital District by the County Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Florence Gruber of Niles was named president of the Auxiliary of Washington Township Post, American Legion.

Township Draft Boards were set up, and notice that draft registration would start August 30 was given.

Niles lost one of its most beloved citizens with the passing of Mrs. Suzannah H. Dunlap, 96, who died in a San Jose hospital.

Earl A. Riley, Niles, was elected commander of the Washington Township Post, American Legion, succeeding Paul Hockinson of Centerville.

A survey of new homes and business houses completed in the township since the first of the year revealed the township was growing at the rate of six new homes per week, and one new business every 10 days.

AUGUST

With underground water supplies in Washington Township dropping steadily at an average rate of one foot per week, farmers in the area are approaching what is indicated to be the most critical water shortage in years.

Central Chevrolet softballers whipped the Mission Firemen to cop the President's Trophy in post-season play.

The 87-year-old Stonybrook School District was consolidated with Palomares School District.

Football practices were started by the Washington Alumni grid team.

"Washington Township Night" ceremonies were observed at the Alameda County Centennial Pageant, "Glory in the Land."

George Kommes was installed Grand Knight of the Center.

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ALVARADAN JAILED IN YULE KNIFING

Francisco B. Hernandez, 37, of Alvarado, was taken into custody by Alameda County Sheriff's Deputies last Friday night for investigation of an attack with a deadly weapon after a drinking brawl between Joseph Reyenas, 27, also of Alvarado, to Fairmont Hospital with a knife wound.

Deputies arrested Hernandez after witnesses reported he and Reyenas had become involved in a fight after an altercation in an Alvarado tavern.

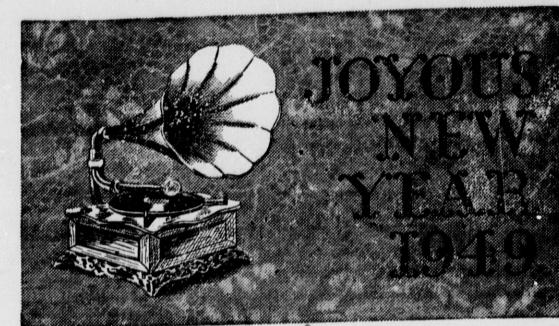
LOCAL MEN GO EAST FOR TRAINING

Richard Brunelli, Niles, and Cyrus Caldeira, Decoto, left last Sunday for Flint, Michigan, where they will receive two months training courses in automobile mechanics at the General Motors Institute school.

Both men are employed at the Central Garage in Centerville. They will return to their jobs here in March.

BABY BORN TO LAWRENCE WALDTS

Patricia Jean Waldts, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces, checked in at Merritt Hospital in Oakland December 27, the first daughter of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Lawrence Waldts of Hayward, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Waldts Sr. of Newark.



There's a gay carnival spirit abroad in the land poised on the brink of the New Year. As the annals of its pages are recorded, we trust they will contain a saga of peace and contentment, joy and happiness, health and good fortune for you.

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We wish a Happy New
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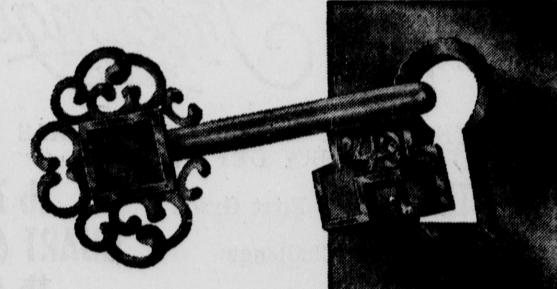
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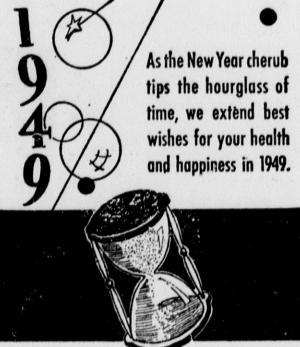


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TO ALL OUR FRIENDS



We're hoping for a few more smiles for all of us as we look forward to another year with you...

PEERLESS STAGE DEPOT

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On the dawn of the New Year, we pause once again to express our best wishes for the coming twelvemonth.

We trust you'll cut many fancy Figure Eights on your journey thru 1949.

WHITAKER PHARMACY

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REBEKAH NEWS

The annual Christmas party of the Past District Deputy Presidents' Association of Alameda County was held at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington, Tuesday, Dec. 21, with Catherine R. Parry, Petra Gronley, Fern Mitte, Rose Stearns and Ivy Cull as hostesses. The next meeting of the association will be held on January 17 at the home of Hannah Post, Oakland.

The members of the Friendly Sewing Circle will meet in regular session on Thursday, Jan. 6, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington. The business meeting will be preceded by a luncheon, according to Gertrude Davis, president.

The first installation of District No. 53, I.O.O.F., will be held at Livermore, Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, with Ivy Cull as installing officer, substituting for Anna Bradford, district deputy president of District 53, who is convalescing from a severe illness. The second installation will be held at Pleasanton, Monday evening, Jan. 10, and the third will be on Jan. 21 at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington. This will be the installation of Niles Rebekah Lodge No. 336.

The members of Niles Rebekah Lodge will meet in regular session on Friday evening, Jan. 7, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington. After a short business session, initiatory ceremonies will be held for a class of candidates, according to Mildred Barber, noble grand.

The members of Neona Theta Rho Girls' Club No. 46 will meet in regular session on Monday evening, Jan. 3, at Odd Fellows Hall, Irvington, according to Shirley Neighbors, president.

GREAT MAGICIAN IS PLAYING AT GEARY

Dante, who has been acclaimed in all parts of the world as the great master of magic, came to the Geary Theater on Sunday for a two weeks engagement with his latest mystery revue, "Foolies of 1949."

This great artist has just returned from the Garrick Theater in London, England, where he had one of the most successful "runs" in the history of the theater by breaking all past records for attendance at that house.

At the Geary Theater, Dante will present his latest extravaganza of mystery, "The Foolies of 1949" with its gorgeous costuming, beautiful scenery, world's latest mystery illusions, good clean wholesome comedy for anyone from 5 to 95, and a stage full of bright snappy looking young assistants, many having had years of experience in working with the old Master in presenting his latest Mystery Revue.

Principal co-worker and "Leading Lady" that has for so many years assisted Dante in all parts of the world on his tours, is that famed Australian beauty Moi-Yo Miller and her Mystery Girls, who have so many times been proclaimed the equal of the most heralded of the famous Ziegfeld Girls.



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ville Council, Knights of Columbus, succeeding John Cattaneo. Colonel Eugene Manning, Centerville, U.S. Army, retired, accepted appointment as chief registrar for draft registration. Assisting him were J. R. Sutton, Rev. Arthur Freeman, Rev. Donald Kirkbride, Mrs. Maria Brazil, and Mrs. Lida Santos.

Plans to divert the flow of Alameda Creek into gravel pits west of Niles for percolation of water into gravel strata in order to correct the dangerously lowering water table were told to the Niles Chamber of Commerce by W. D. Patterson, president of the Alameda County Water District.

Sale of the R. A. Jolly Pharmacy in Newark to James P. O'Connor of Niles was announced.

SEPTEMBER

Foundry department of the James Graham Manufacturing Co. in Newark closed down, ending an operation of 66 years.

A total of 3,041 students were on hand for the opening day registration in Township elementary schools, and Washington Union High.

Manuel D. Silva, retired Newark business man and civic leader, died at his home on Thornton Avenue after an illness of several months.

A low bid of \$71,049 for construction of a new sanitary plant was received by the Irvington Sanitary District Board of Directors.

Public hearings were held throughout the township on the Alameda County Junior College issue.

Re-elected to berths on township sanitary district boards of directors were E. E. Dias and J. J. Alberg, Niles Sanitary; George Coit and S. G. Scott, Union Sanitary; Bernie Joseph, Manuel White and Fred Sanchez, Decoto; and Leonard Freitas, William Rose and R. J. Wright, Irvington-Mission San Jose. Chester Gunn of Newark was elected to succeed the late M. D. Silva on the Union Sanitary Board.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the new Niles Congregational Church Recreation Hall.

Washington Alumni gridders and the San Leandro Redskins played to a 0-0 tie in the season's opener for both teams.

Formal dedication ceremonies for the new Irvington post office were held, with Irvington Chamber of Commerce President Vernon Leal acting as master-of-ceremonies.

Ernie Frick of Niles was installed chairman of the Niles Sportsmen's Club, succeeding Carl Kaiser.

The Washington Union High School Huskies opened their 1948 football season with a 13-6 win over Jefferson High of Daly City.

OCTOBER

A three-day celebration was held in Mission San Jose to celebrate the arrival of riders in the historic Portola Trek party.

A petition bearing the names of 58 Niles residents asking that use permits be required for new gravel excavations in the township, was presented the Alameda County Planning Commission.

Clean-up Day was observed in Decoto, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce there.

Washington Huskies opened the 1948 S.C.V.A.L. football season with a 28-0 drubbing handed Gilroy High.

A program of free chest x-rays, sponsored by the Alameda County Tuberculosis and Health Association, was held throughout the township.

A petition asking annexation of all area within the Centerville Elementary School District to the Centerville Fire Protection District, was being circulated.

Manuel Bernardo of Centerville was installed president of the Alameda County Farm Bureau.

Quick action by the Irvington Volunteer Fire Department saved the life of Harvey Wood, when he was overcome by gas at the bakery he and his wife operate in Irvington.

Irvington Elementary School students elected Paul Thomsen student body president, at school elections.

Holly Sugar Corporation announced it would begin producing liquid sugar at its Alvarado plant.

Shirley Neighbors of Niles, June Nova of Alviso, Charlene O'Brien of Niles, and Mary Villescas of Decoto, competed for Carnival Queen honors at Washington Union High.

NOVEMBER

East Bay Pilgrim Fellowship Rally was held at the Niles Congregational Church.

Mrs. Mary C. Belshaw, 78, a native of Washington Township, died at her Centerville home.

High winds, part of the first major storm of winter, caused extensive damage throughout the township.

The township was shocked by the death of Richard Alvin Gomes, 16, sophomore student at Washington Union High School, who succumbed to blood poisoning.

Johnny Coelho of Warm Springs, and Frank Hermosa, Alviso, attended a national convention of the Future Farmers of America, held in Kansas City.

The Alameda County Planning Commission took first steps toward regulation, by use permit, of new gravel operations in the county.

Newark Boy Scouts bested scouts from other township communities at the annual Boy Scout Rodeo, held in the Washington High School auditorium.

Washington Union High School's Huskies downed Campbell 19-0 in their final football game of the season, to cop S.C.V.A.L. Pennant honors.

Announcement was made by W. D. Patterson, president of the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Water District, that local water rates will be increased January 1.

Frank Galvan was elected president of the Warm Springs Grammar School student body, in school elections.

Washington Union High School Football Players Joe Sankene, Fred Duffie, Bernie Day, and Ed Gurley, were named to the All-S.C.V.A.L. grid eleven.

DECEMBER

A new senior scout outfit for Washington Township was formed at a meeting held in the Veterans Memorial Building in Niles.

Warm Springs Firemen held their first annual Firemen's Ball in the Newark Pavilion.

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This is a good time, we think, to pledge ourselves to better serving you. We appreciate past favors and hope to merit your continued good will.

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Niles



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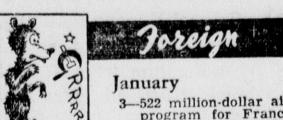
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THIS YEAR
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January
3-522 million-dollar aid program for France and Italy gets under way.
6-U.S. aid mission in Athens, under Greek army and national guard, arrives in 15 million to raise army to 132,000.
13-Nationwide strike of 60,000 bank-employees in Italy ends. Salaries raised 18-Mohandas K. Gandhi ends 121-hour fast in New Delhi.
23-United Western nations endorsed by U. S. and department.
30-Gandhi shot in New Delhi by Hindu nationalist.

February

1-Russian protests that low-flying B-17's are making inspections of Soviet ships in the Yellow Sea and Sea of Japan
2-New Italian trade and friendship treaty signed in Rome.
3-France and Spain agree to re-open their frontier, officially closed for two years.
23-Russia gains complete control over Czechoslovakia through Czech Communist party in bloodless coup, in one week.

March

4-Rep. Gerald W. Landis (R., Ind.) states that strikes cost \$20 million in wages in 1946 and \$21 million in 1947.
6-State Secretary Marshall and Defense Secretary Averell Harriman authorize of additional 275 million dollar military assistance to Greece and Turkey.
19-U.S. abandons its support of partition of the Holy Land.
24-President Peron of Argentina says that Argentina will not ban Communists.
31-Russia starts battle of blockades against other allies in Berlin.

April

1-Secretary Marshall tells ninth international conference of American states in Bogota that ERP must take precedence over aid to Latin America.
2-Britain refers Holy Land dispute to U. N.
9-Outbreak of rioting interrupts Bogota conference.
12-British issue of Franklin D. Roosevelt is unveiled in London.
23-Finnish parliament approves Russo-Finnish defense treaty.

May

7-First Congress of Europe is held in The Hague.
13-Arab League proclaims in Damascus that a "state of war" exists between its members and the "Jewish rebels of Palestine."
14-Israel, first Jewish state in the Holy Land since 70 A. D., is proclaimed by the World Jewish National Council meeting in Tel Aviv.
26-Gen. Jan Christian Smuts and his United Party are defeated in a South African election.

June

7-Dr. Eduard Benes, 64, elected Czech president for life in June, 1946, resigns.
11-Cessation order takes effect on Palestine's fighting fronts under four-week truce.
12-Senate appropriations committee reduces \$11 billion of the \$1.256 billion cut by the house from ERP.
24-Soviet occupation forces ban all shipments from western Germany to Berlin.

July

6-Britain, France and U. S. demand in nearly identical notes that Russia lift its blockade of Berlin.
9-Holy Land truce, which began June 11, expires, and all three principal fronts again flare into action.
12-Britain's aid-base account with the U. S. is closed out.
27-Maj. Gen. Hershey announces that the new and youngest men last year 25-year olds and youngest men last year 25-year olds.
29-Yugoslav Communists re-elect Marshal Tito at head of the politburo.
30-Polovia's World Cup team begins series of official talks in Moscow.
31-Another U. S. tribunal in Nuremberg sentences 11 of 12 Krupp munitions directors to prison.

August

2-Secret plan for control of Danube waterways is presented to the Danube conference in Vienna.
7-Ms. Olga Kasekinina, 52, Russian chemistry teacher, plunges from third-floor window of Russia's New York cultural center.
12-Anto. U. S. airlift to Berlin achieves the 4,500-ton-a-day goal.
15-Democratic republic of Korea is formally proclaimed.

September

3-Chile's Communist party is outlawed under act of congress.
4-Queen Wilhelmina ends 50-year reign over Netherlands, in favor of daughter Juliana.
5-Pope Pius XII broadcasts his first speech to German Catholics since the war.
14-Gen. Lucius D. Clay predicts in Berlin that a winter-long siege is in prospect.
17-Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte U. N. mediator for Palestine, assassinated.
21-Third annual session of 58-nation U. N. general assembly opens in Paris.

October

1-Panama's new president, Domingo Diaz Arosemena, is inaugurated.
3-Cards from Cuba and Egypt are elected by the U. N. general assembly in Paris to replace Belgium, Columbia and Syria on the security council for two-year terms.
9-Russia's disarmament plan, offered at the Paris U. N. meeting, is challenged by the U. S.

November

1-Chinese Communists completed their rout of the Nationalists in Manchuria and subdued the last resistance in Mukden.

11-Over 100 million men locked in battle on a 200-mile front in the Szechuan area in the Nationalist-Communist war in China.

12-Hideo Tojo and six co-defendants in the principal Japanese war crimes trial are sentenced to death by hanging.

14-Albert Evatt, president of the U. N. general assembly, and Trygve Lie, U. N. secretary-general, are elected by the U. N. to settle the Berlin dispute by direct negotiation.

14-A son is born to Princess Elizabeth of England and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

26-Mme. Chiang Kai-shek announces she will visit the U. S.

December

1-Mme. Chiang Kai-shek arrives in U. S. allegedly to press for three billion-dollar military and economic loan to China during next three years.

12-United States session of Dr. Syngman Rhee and continuing the U. N. Korean peace conference.

14-Fritz Reuter, mayor of western Berlin, proposes that western allies re-organize the Kommandantur, which would mean to abolish the boundaries between American, British and French sectors.

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Telephone Company officials announced application has been filed to secure new rate increases throughout the state.

Mrs. Emma Murray, Niles librarian for more than 30 years, retired.

Rev. Donald Kirkbride and **Miss Miki Mohn** were married in ceremonies conducted by the Rev. Arthur Freeman at the Niles Congregational Church.

Rites were held for **Dr. George S. Holeman** of Centerville, who succumbed after a long illness.

Two performances for the annual High School Christmas Pageant, "Prince of Peace," were held.

The Junior College proposal for Alameda County was rejected by voters at a special election.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held for the first unit of a new \$500,000 addition to St. Mary's of the Palms parochial school.

Township residents were shocked by the death of **Mrs. Clara-belle Norris**, 38, wife of **Judge Allen G. Norris** of Centerville.

The South Fork Golden Trout (Salmo aqua-bonita) was adopted as the official state fish by the Legislature in 1947.

Official Hawaiian time is ten hours slower than Greenwich time.



Lou Holtz, celebrated New York stage star, heads the cast of George White's Varieties now at the Curran Theater in San Francisco. With Holtz are a group of America's top show names—Joe Howard ("I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now"), the Ziegfeld singing and dancing stars, Buck and Bubbles, the lovely Lita (Isabelita) Baron, Johnny Duggan, Amita Martel, The Mayo Brothers and other notables. Performances will be given every night with matinees on Saturday and Sunday with two shows scheduled for New Year's Eve.

43,424 STUDENTS

Registration at the University of California this fall totaled 43,424 students for all campuses, including 19,736 veterans, as compared with last fall's 42,637 figure which included 20,119 veterans.

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REGISTRATION

MISSION SAN JOSE NEWS

By LOIS BOTTENBERG



BEST GIFT OF ALL

One of the very nicest of Christmas presents which any one could have gotten by Santa Claus Express was delivered to Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Solon Jr. on Christmas day in a lovely bundle all pink and white weighing 7 pounds 15 ounces. The little one is a girl very appropriately named "Holly" and daddy Cy and mommie Phyllis as well as grandmother and

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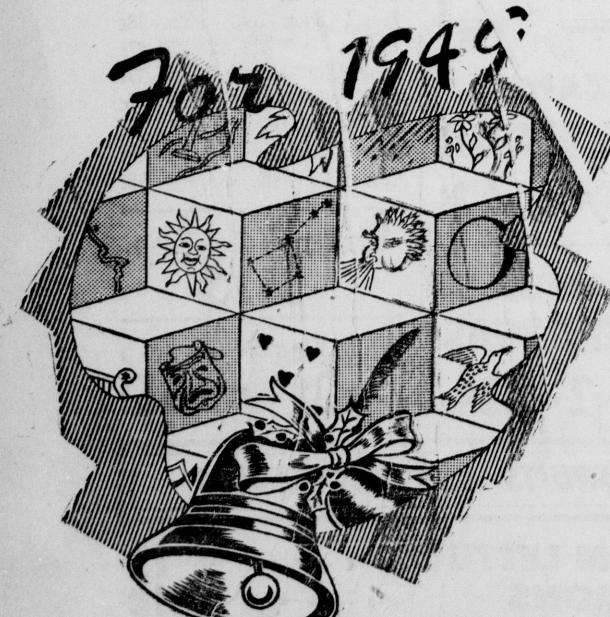
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to Sacramento to visit Ma and John Heintz, step-parents of Glenn, and home. Whee, is that all. Of course there were others but seems your correspondent still had Christmas rush on Monday too, so did not get all the dope.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Louis Souza, son of Mrs. Mary Souza, was in a serious accident near Los Angeles on Christmas day and arrived home by plane. He has a broken knee and other cuts and bruises. His nice car is a complete wreck. He will be laid up for some time from his job on the P. G. & E.

SAD NEWS

Sad news also seemed to be on the program for on Christmas night Mrs. Belle Tommerdahl received word that her sister in Thief River, Minnesota, was at death's door and she left immediately by plane hoping to reach home before it was too late.

BACK TO L. A.

Melvin "Mushy" Callahan has returned to Los Angeles after spending a week here at the home of his mother, Mrs. May Callahan, sister, Mrs. Dan Cross, and brother, Leslie. He plans to be back shortly for another stay.

A HAPPY PERSON

Miss Abbie Sunderer was a happy person on Christmas when Rose and Roscoe Whiteside acted as host and hostess to the McGinleys of San Jose and served a lovely dinner at the family home here in the Mission, and later in the day one of

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HERE AND THERE IN DECOTO

By RAMONA FINE

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Eulogy Garcia of 607 Third Street, announced the engagement of their daughter, Isabel, to Sam Rebiejo of San Leandro, on Christmas Eve. A family dinner was also had by the Garcias on Christmas Day as a celebration for Mr. Manuel Garcia of H and 14th Streets, who celebrated his 80th birthday.

67th BIRTHDAY

Open house was held in the afternoon at which time Manuel

her old friends, Mr. Gustav Lau-

meister and daughter of Palo Alto

arrived to wish her one more

Merry Christmas. Miss Abbie, who

is always interested in what the

Youth Center is doing, gave them

a large set of Chinese checkers to

be used at the IDES Hall on play

nights. Thanks from all the

boys and girls to a grand little

lady.

IN THE CITY

Miss Lillian Ladigus spent the Christmas week-end in San Francisco at the home of life long

friends, the Dohortys. Mr. George

Parker of San Francisco spent this

holiday with his granddaughter,

Carol Lee Bonner and her folks,

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bonner here

in town.

EVERYBODY THERE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lofton at the junction of Mission Highway and Livermore Road was a happy one over the holiday as the maternal Grandmother Mrs. Myrtle Orwick of San Mateo spent Christmas Day with all her grandchildren and their parents.

FOR FOUR DAYS

Elsie Wilcox, mother of Floyd H. Cross of Redwood City, spent a four-day holiday over at their house where she had a visit with her grandson, Darol Cross, who is attending Seminary Bible School in Pasadena. They all came to the Daniel Cross residence on Sunday evening for luncheon and later Darol went to San Jose where he took a bus back to Pasadena and another semester of school.

BEST WISHES

Friends of Cy Solon are all pulling for him as he lies ill in the San Jose Hospital. He is improving very slowly and at last reports will be there for a while yet.

NEW YEAR'S DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Avilla and son, Don, will have New Year's dinner with her brother and wife, Vernon Carey of Niles.

SUNNYVALE GUESTS

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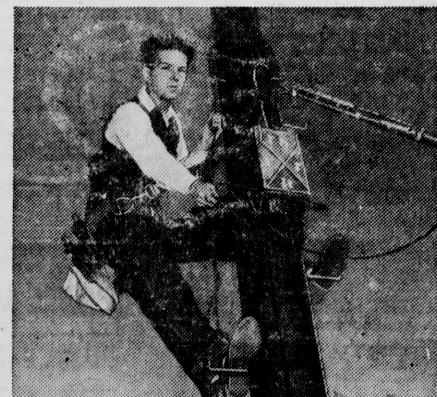
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Family</

*Around the Township...***DORIS ALAMEDA'S BETROTHAL TOLD AT CHRISTMAS PARTY; WILL WED IN JUNE**

An engagement ring, hidden in tip-top branches of the Christmas tree at the A. E. Alameda home in Irvington not only was a happy surprise to Miss Doris Alameda, but served as the means of announcing her engagement to Mr. Jordan Boyd Crowe, at a large family Christmas Eve party.

The ring was presented to Doris after Santa Claus had distributed gifts to about 10 children—nieces and nephews of the Alamedas. Those present at the gathering were all members of Mrs. Alameda's family. Later the group motored up to Alameda to attend open house at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sargent (Doris' aunt and uncle on her father's side), where the happy news was announced to about 100 guests, including all of the Alameda clan.

Christmas at the J. G. Damas Home

Christmas Eve Santa Claus paid a visit to the J. G. Damas home to the delight of Jimmie and Vickie Damas and Gail Harder.

Spending the evening and Christmas day with them were Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Henle of Woodland, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greve of Priest Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hatcher of Sacramento, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cunha of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fields of Niles. Arriving on Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Blair, Greta Kramer and Rudy Henle, all of Woodland.

Family Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ferrante enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rina Canziani in Decoto. The Ferrante family was again all united for the occasion. The guests were the Canzianis' son, James, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrante from Niles, Mr. Paul Ferrante and Mr. Savio from San Luis Obispo, and Judge and Mrs. E. A. Quaresma and children. All had a wonderful Christmas.

Gala Birthday Party At Fields Home

A birthday dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fields, December 19, in honor of Manuel S. Damas, celebrating his 85th birthday, and his grandson on his 4th birthday.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Damas of Hayward; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cunha of Oakland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fontes and family of San Leandro; Mr. and Mrs. George Lawrence of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Hatcher and Gail of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Rose and Sunny Bettencourt and Jack Andrews of Sacramento; Miss Greta Kramer and Rudy Henle of Woodland; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Damas and sons, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fonte and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fonte of Niles.

Many lovely gifts were presented and a gala time was had by all.

Mrs. Martha Barker and son, David, accompanied by Charles 'Bud' Mohn and Wally Ebright, will motor down to Pasadena today to see the Rose Bowl game. They plan to be gone until Sunday. They plan to be gone until Sunday.



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Sisters Announce Their Betrothals

Dan Cupid bested Santa Claus in presenting Christmas gifts to at least one township home this season, when engagements of both Janet and Marcie Hermoso were announced at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hermoso, Newark, at a family party Christmas Eve.

The young bride-to-be, who has tentatively set the month of June as her wedding date, comes from a prominent township family. Daughter of the A. E. Alamedas, she is the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary N. Alameda, and of Mrs. Petra Gronley, both of Centerville.

A graduate of Washington High, Doris is also graduate of Armstrong's Business College. She has been employed as a legal secretary in the district attorney's office in Oakland for the past three and a half years.

Mr. Crowe, son of Mrs. Horace Harrison of Sacramento, attended Sacramento schools and was in the navy during the war. He is presently employed at the telephone company in Sacramento, but in June will enroll as a student in the college of electrical engineering at the University of California.

Ann August Sets Wedding Date

Miss Ann August, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James August of Niles, has set January 22 as the date for her wedding to Mr. Harold G. Brooks of San Bruno. The ceremony will be performed at Corpus Christi Church in Niles at two o'clock.

A graduate of Washington High and of Mary's Help College of Nursing, the bride-elect served in the Nurses' Corps in the Navy during the war as a Lieutenant (jg), in the Pacific area. Later she worked as a civilian nurse at Okinawa and China, returning to this country in January, 1948. She has since been employed as a nurse at Dr. Grau's office.

The bridegroom-to-be, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brooks of Madison, Kansas, served in the Army for five years in the European theater. He is now connected with the United Airlines.

Joy Secada to Wed Newark Man

Another Christmas Eve betrothal was told, with the announcement that Joy Ann Secada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claremon Secada of Centerville, is engaged to Mr. Newell Roche of the new Ranch and Farm Sales store in Newark.

The attractive young girl, a graduate of Washington High, is employed as a free-lance model in San Francisco. Her father is connected with the Bank of America in Centerville.

The engaged girl and her fiance, who is also a graduate of Washington High, have not yet set a date for their wedding.

The announcement of their engagement was made in the presence of about fifteen relatives at a Christmas Eve party.

Former Decoto Girl Has Twins in Holland

A cable arrived at the Herbert Harrold home in Decoto telling of the birth of twins to their daughter, the former Rosalie Harrold, who is now Mrs. Thys Risselada of The Hague, Holland.

The twins were born on December 29. One, a girl weighing eight and one-half pounds, has been named Inez Whipple Risselada, and the other, a boy weighing seven pounds, has been given a Dutch name, Tjannell Justus Risselada.

The family has been living in The Hague for the past year. Mr. Risselada is with the Shell Oil Company. Mrs. Risselada is a graduate of Washington High and also of the University of California.

Couple Plans April Nuptials

Wedding rites are now being planned for April by Theodore Lira, operator of Ted's Donut Shop in Niles, and Miss Ruby Weatherford, of Oakland, whose engagement was announced recently at a dinner held in Berkeley.

Miss Weatherford, who is working for the Anglo Bank in Oakland, recently graduated from the Coronet Modeling School in Oakland. Ted, a graduate of Washington Union High School, is a veteran of World War II, having served two years in the U. S. Coast Guard.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lira of Niles.

Although all plans are tentative as yet, the couple probably will make their home in Niles.

New Year's Tea For Niles Librarian

A New Year's Day tea at the home of Mrs. Roland Bendel will introduce Miss Elaine Howe, new Niles librarian, to more than 75 Niles women who have been invited to the affair. Miss Howe comes to Niles from Massachusetts where she did extensive library work. She will assume her librarian duties at Niles the first of next week.

Mrs. Dorothy Roberts, county librarian, and her staff will assist Mrs. Bendel at the tea.

New Secretary

Mrs. Lawrence Millard recently was elected secretary of the Church Women's Association of the Irvington Community Church, succeeding Mrs. George Beardsley, it was revealed this week.

Mrs. Beardley had resigned the position because of duties with a religious education program.

From Detroit, Oregon

A nice note, and a renewal check for her subscription, comes from Mrs. Homer Larson, former Niles resident now living in Detroit, Oregon. A daughter of Mrs. C. Perry of Niles, Mrs. Larson says, "I've enjoyed your paper for the last three years, and am always glad to get the news from home."

JACQUELINE GORMAN REVEALS TROTH; WILL WED HONOLULU MAN SUNDAY

In a surprise announcement to her family on Christmas Day, Miss Jacqueline Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred W. Gorman of Niles, revealed her intentions of becoming the bride of Mr. Richard M. Botts, son of Attorney and Mrs. Ebert J. Botts of Honolulu.

Miss Gorman attended the University of California at Berkeley.

She was with Trans-Air Hawaii in Honolulu until her return.

Mr. Botts attended Punahoa School, Honolulu, and the Foreign Service School at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C. Prior

to and during the war he was with the U. S. Army Airforce and later navigation officer of the USMS. He is employed by Cooke Trust Co. in Honolulu, and is, as well, alternate floor trader on the Honolulu Stock Exchange and contributing article writer for many nationally known magazines.

Following the wedding, the couple plan a honeymoon tour to Mexico, to return to make their home in Honolulu.

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HOLDS MEETING

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Mariposa! They plan to move
there in early summer, and em-
bark upon a sheep-raising career.

Mr. Whipple, since his return
from the Navy two and a half
years ago, has been raising sheep
at their place in Decoto, but not
so extensively as they will when
they move over to their new ranch
in the Sierra foothills.

Williams Family
Home for Christmas

With their three children, Rachel,
Barbara and Eugene, home for
the holiday, Mr. and Mrs. L. S.
Williams of Irvington had a most
enjoyable Christmas. They had
Christmas dinner at the home of
his mother, Mrs. Eva Williams of
Centerville.

Rachel Williams, now doing child
welfare work in San Francisco,
will wind up the holiday season
by motoring to Pasadena with col-
lege friends to attend the Rose
Bowl game.

Eugene, student at Cal, expects
to enter the Agricultural College
at Davis upon completing his mid-
term exams in a couple of weeks.

Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ferry of
Niles were hosts to about twenty
relatives and friends at a big din-
ner party on Christmas day. Guests
arrived from San Leandro, Alva-
rado, Hayward and Decoto, in ad-
dition to friends from Niles, to
enjoy the big turkey dinner.

Sell it with a Register Want Ad!

NILES CHURCH SETS
DATE FOR DANCE

Friday, January 14, has been
set as the date for the big benefit
dance to be put on at the Congre-
gational Church to raise funds for
completing the furnishing of the
new recreational wing.

A costume dance, the affair is
expected to attract a large crowd,
climaxing the 1948-49 holiday festi-
vities. There will be prizes, speci-
alty dances, games, refreshments,
and fun for everyone from 14 to
80, according to the committee in
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HIGH CHATTER

By MARGARET COLE

It seems too good to be true, but
you read that news item in
Tuesday's edition of a certain met-
opolitan daily, about the baby boy
who was born on Christmas Day
with "two front teeth?" No kidding!
It's right there on page
three!

The kids are rather cagey this
year about admitting their New
Year resolutions, and I can't
say that I blame them. After
looking over the list in "The
Hatchet" last January, it's easy
to see why certain people will
hesitate to commit themselves
again.

Just think! Duffie resolved not
to flirt in 'forty-eight! Well, you
all know what happened to that
one.

On the other hand there was
Dan Goularte who resolved to
keep his girl. Congratulations!

Whatever happened to Mitzi
Zeiss's determination to learn
to drive? Lena Horat offered to
teach her in her father's pick-
up. No one explained who was
going to teach Lena.

A shining example is Johnny
Meeker who announced his intention
of keeping his eyes open for a
good-looking girl. Did he? In
evidence we offer popular, attrac-
tive Charlene O'Brien.

Merle Randolph got an at-
tack of conscience and proclaimed
that during 'forty-eight he wasn't
going to argue with his teachers.
Maybe so, but he sure gives Miss
Soto a bad time.

Nonie Beck made up her mind
that in 'forty-eight she would be
joyful at all times and also try
harder! At the time it was
rather difficult to imagine ex-
actly what she meant by that;
in fact it's still a puzzle. Try
harder at what? And did she
make it?

Laura Medeiros and Georgia
Laughlin resolved to lengthen their
skirts. That was too easy girls!
Try something tough this year.

Why not start a movement to bring
back skirts to where they were a
couple of years ago? You'd earn
the everlasting gratitude of all of
us who have perfectly good but
short stuff hanging in our closets.

If it's in order to make resolu-
tions for someone else I'd like
to suggest that Lloyd Auchard
buy a "new look" coat for him-
self. Barbara's pink one isn't
a very good fit.